



Sauget Area 2 Sites Group

February 10, 2004

Nabil Fayoumi
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77W. Jackson Blvd. (SR-6J)
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Re: Monthly Progress Report, January 2004
Sauget Area 2 RI/FS
Sauget, Illinois

Dear Mr. Fayoumi:

On behalf of the Sauget Area 2 Sites Group, and pursuant to Section V of the Administrative Order on Consent for the above referenced work, enclosed please find the Monthly Progress Report for January 2004.

Please call me with any comments or questions on this report.

Sincerely,

Gary D. Uphoff
Interim Project Coordinator

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

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1. ACTIONS PERFORMED OR COMPLETED THIS PERIOD

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- B. In December, at the time of the filing of Solutia's bankruptcy petition, Steve Smith, Project Coordinator, resigned from his position with the Group. Accordingly, at this January meeting, Gary Uphoff was elected as Interim Project Coordinator.
- C. By letter dated January 23, 2004, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5 (EPA) notified the Sauget Area 2 Sites Group of the status of the AOC, and other matters, in the aftermath of Solutia's petition for bankruptcy.
- D. On January 30, 2004, the Sauget Area 2 Sites Group submitted the RI/FS to the EPA, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, CH2M Hill, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

2. DATA AND RESULTS RECEIVED THIS PERIOD

None

3. SCHEDULED ACTIONS NOT COMPLETED THIS PERIOD

None

4. PLANNED ACTIONS FOR NEXT MONTH

- A. Hold conference calls with EPA to discuss agency comments on the draft baseline human health and ecological risk assessments.
- B. Revise the baseline human health and ecological risk assessments to address agency comments.
- C. Submit to the agencies, the Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment (BERA) Addendum addressing the supplemental sampling that was completed at the two ponds located in Site Q.

5. ISSUES OR PROBLEMS ARISING THIS PERIOD

No technical issues or technical problems arose during this period.

6. RESOLUTION OF ISSUES OR PROBLEMS

No technical issues or technical problems required resolution during this period.

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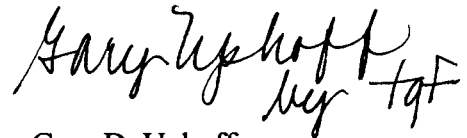
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